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Traditionally, civic education has been introduced at the eighth grade level. Research indicates that youngsters begin learning political information and attitudes much earlier. With that in mind, this publication is designed around concepts that can be developed throughout the primary and intermediate grades. Elementary students can begin to learn about citizenship as behavior related to the protections, obligations, and activities associated with being democratic citizens. This book identifies basic citizenship concepts and skills and presents lessons to teach such concepts and skills in the elementary classroom. Most lessons are self-contained, and include activities, handouts, and teacher keys. The lessons are designed so that little preparation is required before class. While the book was developed for use in Georgia schools, its strong component of state and local citizenship is adaptable for use in any U.S. city, county, or state. (LBG)

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